Docket No.: 043877-0143 **PATENT**

Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 31824

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MACHINING METHOD AND

APPARATUS :

SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2009, the date for response to which having been extended for one month from May 13, 2009 to June 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.